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SUBJECT: MODE - PROPOSAL TO REOPEN AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE
OFFICE

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1. ALTHOUGH I REMAIN SKEPTICAL OF THE OVERALL
VALUE OF A REOPENED AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE OFFICE IN
CAIRO, I HAVE ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT CONGRESSIONAL
INTEREST IN HAVING ONE RESSTABLISHED DICTATES GOING
ALONG WITH IDEA. AS I TOLD SECRETARY BUTZ LAST
NOVEMBER, I AM PREPARED TO AGREE TO REOPENING THE
OFFICE WITH ONE REPEAT ONE AMERICAN AGATTACHE, ONE
AMERICAN SECRETARY AND ONE FSL. I ASKED AT THE
TIME THAT AGATTACHE NOT ARRIVE PRIOR TO EARLY JUNE.
MY AGREEMENT TO THAT STANDS.

2. I AM AWARE OF USDA'S DESIRE FOR TWO PROFESSIONAL
AMERICAN AGATTACHES AND NOTE ITS POSITION THAT
THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE SAME STAFF SIZE AS IT HAD IN
EMBASSY PRIOR TO CLOSING OF OFFICE IN 1967. AS
DEPT AWARE, I HAVE NEVER ACCEPTED PROPOSITION
THAT SIZE OF RESPECTIVE OFFICES IN 1967 HAS
ANYTHING TO DO WITH PRESENT STAFFING PATTERN.
ON THE CONTRARY, IT HAS BEEN MY CONSCIOUS POLICY
SINCE MY ARRIVAL TO TAKE ONLY ESSENTIAL
PERSONNEL AND TO AVOID GOING BACK TO THE BLOATED
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OFFICE STAFFING PATTERNS OF THE MID-60'S. I SEE

NO NEED WHATSOEVER FOR A SECOND AMERICAN AGATTACHE,
WHEN ONE REAL HUSTLER OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO DO THE
JOB. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT USDA BE SO INFORMED
AND URGED TO DESIGNATE SUCH A HUSTLER WHO CAN KEEP
UP WITH THE WORK PACE OF THE OTHER OFFICERS
OF THIS EMBASSY. SHOULD THERE DEVELOP AT SOME FUTURE TIME A
DEMONSTRABLE NEED TO PERFORM A FUNCTION WHICH ONE GOOD MAN IS UNABLE
TO DO, I WILL, OF COURSE, ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO LOOK AT JUSTIFICATION.

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